

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 11, 17 and 19 under 35 USC 103 over Breed (US 2002/0198632) and further in view of Liu (USP 6,985,089), and rejects claims 6-10, 12-16, 18 and 20 under 35 USC 103 over Breed in view of Liu and further in view of Yu (US 2003/0125846) and Taylor (US 2003/0169185). For the reasons set forth below, Liu is not prior art against the application and the rejections should be withdrawn.

Attached hereto is a verified translation of the Japanese priority application, JP 2002-352822, filed on December 4, 2002. It is believed that the claims of the present application are supported by the priority document, that the priority has been perfected by this filing, and that therefore Liu, which has a US filing date of October 23, 2003, is not prior art against the application. Breed does not support the rejection for the reasons set forth in the previous Response.

For the above reasons, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Prompt consideration and allowance are solicited.

The Office is authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16, § 1.17, or § 1.136, or credit of any overpayment, to Kenyon & Kenyon Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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